

John Schoolman

COLORFUL CANES



JOHN SCHOOLMAN always hiked and carried a walking stick, but after his wife died, he started decorating his sticks. He painted them with colorful paints and intricate designs, and inscribed each of them with poems, sayings, and stories. Stick making helped him fill the hours when he was alone, and also helped with social interactions. As John walked around town with his colorful canes, strangers would stop him and talk to him about his creations.

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